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**ABSTRACT**

A latching device, such as a flush bolt, includes a housing having at least one detent, a bolt configured for sliding at least partially within the housing between a retracted position and an extended position, where the bolt extends beyond the housing, and a spring member. The spring member is in communication with the bolt. The spring member is configured for retaining the bolt in a frictionally snug and slideable engagement within the housing and includes a portion configured for engaging the at least one detent of the housing to retain the bolt in the retracted or extended positions, until the requisite engagements are broken by manual force.

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